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SUBJECT: US STEEL/UNIDO PROJECT TO ASSIST EGYPTIAN IRON AND
STEEL COMPANY

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1. UNIDO CONTRACTS OFFICER ROBERTS (US) HAD INFORMED
US MISSION OF DIFFICULTIES WITH US STEEL/UNIDO PROJECT
(WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF PERFORMANCE ON PART OF
US STEEL PROJECT LEADER) IN TIME FOR MISSION TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE VIENNA DEC. 6 OF ALBERT MONNETT,
VICE PRESIDENT OF US STEEL, AND PUT ROBERTS IN TOUCH
DIRECTLY WITH MONNETT.

2. MONNETT HAD THOROUGH REVIEW WITH ROBERTS
OF DETAILS OF PROJECT DIFFICULTIES AND INFORMED MISSION
THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED DIRECTLY TO J. DAVID CARR, USS
ENGINEERS, WHO PROMISED IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

3. MISSION IS DISTURBED BY SPECULATION ATTRIBUTED
TO CARR IN PARA 3 REFTEL "THAT UNIDO IS UNDER
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PRESSURE FROM USSR". AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE TO
DETERMINE, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR SUCH SPECULATION;
UNIDO OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING US STEEL
CONTRACT IS AMCIT ROBERTS (WITH WHOM MISSION HAS
CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP) AND WE ARE SATISFIED
THAT ROBERTS' ATTITUDE IS BASED ON HIS PROFESSIONAL
EVALUATION OF US STEEL PERFORMANCE. ANY SUGGESTION

IN THIS INSTANCE OF MALIGN INFLUENCES ON UNIDO SHOULD
BE VIEWED COLDLY. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE NO OPINION
TO OFFER ON ANY DIFFERENCES THAT MIGHT EXIST BETWEEN
UNIDO AND US STEEL ON PRECISE TERMS OF CONTRACT. STIBRAVY

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